

The bill requires that the Secretary solicit proposals from industry, universities, and other appropriate parties for activities under the program within 180 days of enactment. The bill requires the Secretary, in selecting proposals, to emphasize the extent to which the proposal will stimulate the creation or increased retention of jobs in the United States and the extent to which the proposal will promote and enhance United States technology leadership. Awards shall be made on a competitive basis with emphasis on technical merit. H.R. 3029 authorizes \$65 million for each of fiscal years 2011 through 2014 for carrying out the program.

HONORING END THE SILENCE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate End the Silence upon being awarded with the "Community Health Champions Award" at the 2009 West Fresno Health Care Coalition's 5th annual "This is Your Life of Service" lunch and awards ceremony. This year the ceremony will be held at the Radisson Hotel Conference Center in Fresno, California on Tuesday, November 3rd.

End the Silence is a breast cancer awareness project that has been created as a community-based program specifically designed for targeting the African American community, especially in West Fresno, California. The goal and purpose is to increase education, promote and heighten awareness, create support services and resources for the underserved African American population in West Fresno regarding breast cancer and overall breast health.

The need for End the Silence was discovered when national, state and local statistics were pointing to the high risk of African American women developing, and dying from, breast cancer. Studies have shown that African American women are more likely to pass away from breast cancer than white women. Further, the National Cancer Institute found that breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths among African American women. This reality is often due to economic, social and cultural factors; including misinformation about breast cancer, treatments and lack of access to health which ultimately leads to late diagnosis.

End the Silence targets West Fresno's underserved and underinsured African American community. Over the span of the project, the organizers intend on reducing high breast cancer mortality risk. They expect to serve more than three hundred African American women and their families who will benefit from program services, including culturally competent and trained staff and advocates, specialized support groups and services, culturally appropriate health education, materials and resources and the opportunity for making their voices heard through advocacy activities. Five people that have made End the Silence successful are Charyce Haynes, Wilma Ruth Johnson, Edna Overall, Frances Davis and Adrian Carter.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate End the Silence upon being

award the "Community Health Champions Award." I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing End the Silence many years of continued success.

IN HONOR OF LAWRENCE HALPRIN

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with sadness today to honor a true American icon, landscape architect Lawrence Halprin, who passed away on October 25, 2009, at the age of 93. Mr. Halprin's legendary work profoundly influenced concepts of landscape design in this country and around the world.

A long-time resident of Kentfield in Marin County, California, Mr. Halprin's mark on the Bay Area is particularly evident. From the groundbreaking Sea Ranch development on our Sonoma Coast to Ghirardelli Square and George Lucas' Letterman Digital Arts Center, he designed memorable spaces that create harmony between people and environment.

Nationally, his best known work is the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, DC, which artfully invokes Roosevelt's life and work as visitors stroll through a sculptured plaza in a natural setting. Throughout his career, Larry Halprin was adept at revitalizing perceptions of urban areas and involving the community in his public projects.

Mr. Halprin often worked in partnership with his wife, the well-known dancer Anna Halprin. The two met while attending the University of Wisconsin and were married in 1940. While in Wisconsin, they met Frank Lloyd Wright at Taliesin, and his ideas inspired Mr. Halprin to study landscape architecture at Harvard.

Their collaboration was based on a shared vision of crafting interactive, creative experiences that connect with people on a deep level. Halprin also joined Anna's dance work, most famously in their 1979 "planetary dance" on Mount Tamalpais. The goal was to take back the mountain for people frightened away by the notorious Trailside Killer. The dance is now performed annually in 36 countries.

While serving in the Navy in World War II, Halprin recuperated in San Francisco from a Japanese attack which had destroyed his ship. After the war, the couple relocated to the Bay Area.

Widely recognized as a man whose genius revolutionized landscape architecture, Mr. Halprin also won a number of awards. These included a Presidential Design Award for the FDR Memorial, the University of Virginia Thomas Jefferson Medal in Architecture, and the prestigious National Medal of the Arts. A man of many talents, he was also recognized for his documentary on Salvador Dali, "Le Pink Grapefruit."

In addition to his wife, Mr. Halprin is survived by his daughters Dana and Rana and four grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, it is not easy to summarize the scope of Lawrence Halprin's influence and accomplishments. As we enjoy his urban environments or the spaciousness of Sea Ranch, we can understand how much his vision and creativity have enriched our lives.

HONORING JOHN C. HARRIS WITH THE DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to John C. Harris for receiving the Distinguished Citizen Award, in recognition of his strong dedication to the Boy Scouts of America in the San Joaquin Valley. Mr. Harris has hosted the Westside Luncheon at Harris Ranch for nearly twenty years. This casual and friendly fund raising lunch supports the Scouting programs in western Fresno and Kings Counties. The Luncheon has become a model for other Scout Councils to emulate. In fact, the Monterey Bay Area Council borrowed the Harris model and began a similar event in King City years ago. John's concern for the youth of our area and his love of Scouting have kept his efforts concentrated in the Sequoia Council, and in the growth of the Scouting in the San Joaquin Valley.

John has been involved in the Agriculture and Thoroughbred business all of his life, as he and his family have worked to create one of the nation's largest Agribusinesses. A diversified family farming operation, this successful business consists of the Harris Ranch Beef Company, Harris Ranch Inn & Restaurant, Harris Feeding Company, Harris Fresh, and the Harris Farms Horse Division. Much has contributed to California's bountiful agriculture industry and economic well-being, but one significant underlying factor in California's agricultural success has been the presence of families such as the Harris family.

We are fortunate to have generous and giving individuals like John Harris, who help to make our Valley a better place. John's commitment to excellence and hard work reflect much of the same values the Boy Scouts embody in their scout oath: to do your best, help other people at all times, and to serve your country. John Harris certainly lives up to these values as is evident in his business success and devotion to serving others in our community.

For all these reasons, it is without a doubt an honor to recognize John Harris today for his leadership in our Valley, as he continues to touch the lives of many people and leave his mark of good will in our community. We are especially thankful today for his service to the Boy Scouts of America in the Central Valley.

CONGRATULATING GIUSEPPE AND CATERINA TIBERI

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, it is a pleasure for me to offer my best wishes to the dear mom and dad of Congressman PATRICK J. TIBERI who will be celebrating their golden wedding anniversary on December 8th.

Giuseppe and Caterina Tiberi were married in 1959 in Introdacqua, Italy and have now spent 50 years of marriage together.

"Joe" and "Rina" have been outstanding parents, rearing PAT and his two sisters Ida and Tania. They are also proud grandparents of six wonderful children: Anthony, Alex, Angelina, Cristina, Daniela and Gabriela.

As loving parents and grandparents, they continue to set an amazing example for others to follow. I join with all of the Tiberi family and their many friends in wishing Joe and Rina all the best on this joyous occasion.

RECOGNIZING THE NEW HARRISON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to acknowledge the recent grand opening celebration of the new Harrison Township Public Library (HTPL) which was held on October 24th, 2009. I had the privilege to attend this special occasion along with other public officials, library staff and community leaders. The HTPL truly is a remarkable story and is a shining example of what can occur when people come together to accomplish a common goal.

The HTPL is an all-volunteer library and operates on a budget from the sales of used books and other promotional items and also the collection of private donations. Not a single dollar of tax-payer money was used to open the new facility.

It took the will power of very dedicated individuals who worked as a team to ensure Harrison Township would no longer be the only municipality in Macomb County without a library. However, the road to complete this project was anything but easy to navigate. The economic challenges were extremely difficult to overcome, and there were many road blocks along the way. At times it appeared that the dream was all but lost.

In fact, many would have given up on this project. But the community volunteers would not let this dream fade away, and instead rolled up their sleeves and went back to the drawing board to get the job done. Only through hard work and determination was Harrison Township finally able to open the doors on its new library.

Numerous organizations and people helped make this dream come true: The Township offered the space to house the library; Macomb County donated materials and books to stock shelves; partners from the private sector and academia provided other key resources to furnish the library with proper information technology.

I certainly want to commend the numerous library volunteers for all the hours they contributed and the personal sacrifices they made to assist with this effort. I too was more than happy to lend a helping hand by donating books obtained through the Library of Congress' Surplus Book Program.

Now I am pleased to say that the residents of Harrison Township have their own library! Senior citizens now have a place to read the newspaper or check out a book. Students now have a quiet place to do research, finish their

homework or use the Internet. There is even a children's section that has games, toys and books for families to utilize to help their children learn.

I would like to name for the record the key volunteers who made this dream a reality, for without them, this project would have never come to fruition: Marge Swiatkowski, the Director of Library Volunteer Committee, and her husband Jack; we need to also recognize Joyce Bane, John and Carolyn Bicsak, Jim and Mary Lou Bilen, Gale Brady, Tracy Champine, Natalie Cruz, Donna Dertinger, Phil and Marsh Devergillo, Julie Dries, Bobbi Gust, Ann Marie Hergott, Toni Hindman, Kathy Hunt, Jane Jones, Althea Lanuzza, Mary LaPlante, Joan Lavey, Katie LeBlanc, Madaline Mannino, Diane Marvaso, Jean McKay, Kathy McRae, Ellen McKee, Jo Mitchell, Nancy Motring, Mary Oberliesin, Beverly Ortman, Joan Schmidt, Sandy Schwab, Marty Shadel, Stephanie Simon, Thomas Sycko, Chris Hearn, Nancy Trompics, Mary Mahoney, Sheri Mathison, Jane Roda and Dee Turowski.

I applaud each of you for your tireless efforts! Your display of leadership and teamwork are something to be emulated throughout the community.

HONORING THE JUILLIARD SCHOOL'S MUSIC ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Music Advancement Program at The Juilliard School.

The Music Advancement Program (MAP) is a Saturday instrument-instruction program that was created in 1990. MAP targets students, ages eight to fourteen, who are underrepresented in the performing arts. The program is designed to help students at the early stage of their musical development on violin, viola, cello, double bass, flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, percussion, and piano. MAP has served families by providing education workshops on diverse topics, information about various concert opportunities and a literacy program for younger siblings of MAP students. MAP has also supported New York City public school music teachers by building upon their work, starting where most school instrumental programs must end, and by motivating students to excel in all of their endeavors. Through MAP, The Juilliard School has demonstrated its commitment to being a cultural citizen in New York City by reaching out to underrepresented communities and investing in a future arts community that is diverse in its performers, educators, audiences, and patrons. This exemplary program has enriched the lives of countless students, and will continue to provide valuable opportunities in the performing arts for underprivileged students in New York City schools.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Music Advancement Program at The Juilliard School.

HONORING CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Grand Prairie. The city is celebrating its 100th anniversary, and I would like to take a moment to speak about the history of the city and its great future.

In 1841, the area that is now Grand Prairie began to be settled by people accepting Republic of Texas land grants. In 1861, Alexander MacRae Dechman traded his wagon and oxen for 239.5 acres in what is now downtown Grand Prairie. He filed for a town plat in 1876, and named the town Dechman. That same year Alexander gave a portion of his land to the Texas and Pacific Railroad in exchange for operating a depot. In 1877, the railroad renamed Dechman to Grand Prairie because of its location on the eastern edge of the prairie that stretched into West Texas. On March 20, 1909 the citizens of Grand Prairie voted to establish a local city government in order to create the civic infrastructure necessary for public safety, growth and prosperity.

In 1909, the City of Grand Prairie had roughly 1,000 citizens. The city's growth accelerated during and after World War II when its population changed from 1,595 in 1940 to 14,594 in 1950. The population then doubled to 30,386 by 1960. Today the city is home to more than 168,000 citizens. The growth is symbolic of the city's strength and success over the last hundred years.

Grand Prairie has created a strong infrastructure to ensure continued growth. The city has constructed attractions for both economic development and tourism such as Lone Star Park in 1992, Nokia Theatre in 2001, the Ruthe Jackson Conference Center in 2002, the Uptown Theater, QuikTrip Ballpark and the AirHogs in 2008 and Market Square in 2009.

The city's success is also demonstrated by its long list of awards. Some recent awards include the Money Magazine 2008 Best Places to Live in USA, Today Newspaper 2008 Readers' Choice Award—Best Place to Live, the 2008 National Recreation and Parks Association Gold Medal Award for best parks system in America and named a Playful City USA in both 2008 and 2009.

Under the able leadership of Mayor Charles England, the City Council and City Manager's Office, Grand Prairie plans to continue growing stronger for their citizens and businesses. In 2010, the city will open a new Lake Rescue Center, Summit Activity Center for senior citizens and Public Safety Headquarters. A city known for being comfortably casual and incredibly friendly, Grand Prairie looks forward to the next 100 years of dreaming big and making it happen.

I am honored to represent the City of Grand Prairie and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the city upon their 100th anniversary.